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REMARKS 50X1-HUM

1. On 4 January 1952, the Koenigstor Kaserne on Karl Liebknechtstrasse, Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49), was occupied to capacity by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 30 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were observed cleaning small arms in the barracks yard.

On 11 January, about 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed practicing with two 120-mm mortars in the barracks yard of the Koenigstor Kaserne.

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2. On 11 January, the See Kaserne on Karl Liebknechtstrasse was occupied to capacity by a unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Tanks observed in the barracks yard included JS tanks with about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and T-34/35 tanks with groups of 10 to 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets drilling at each tank.

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3. On 9 January, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne on Fehrbellinerstrasse was occupied to capacity by about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 40 soldiers practiced with 6 x 57-mm AT guns in the barracks yard where 6 x 76-mm field guns, 4 x 122-mm field howitzers and 6 x 120-mm mortars were parked.

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4. On 11 January, a guard detail of about 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, 12 x 120-mm mortars and 8 rocket launchers were observed in the compound on Scholtenplatz.

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5. On 13 January, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne on Fehrbellinerstrasse was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Activity observed in the billeting area between 29 December 1951 and 13 January 1952 included: 12 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets receiving instruction on one of three 85-mm AA guns; troops at company level engaged in small-arms drill; columns at company strength leaving and entering the installation with rifles and practice targets; and several groups of 13 soldiers each marching toward Stoeffin with telephone equipment and reels. On 10 January, five units [redacted] and a group of 18 soldiers, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rifles, marched to the rifle ranges on Wittstocker Allee. Most of the soldiers were recruits. [redacted]
6. On 13 January, the Fridericus Kaserne on Altruppiner Allee was occupied by about 4,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. [redacted] On 2 January, six units, each of 68 men carrying rifles, marched from the installation toward Altruppin, while another 100 soldiers were engaged in firing practice at the drill ground near the Fridericus Kaserne, where four T-34/85 tanks were parked. On 12 January, 16 units, each of 64 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, left the installation to take showers. [redacted]
7. On 13 January, the See Kaserne on Karl Liebknechtstrasse was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Two units, each of 84 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, and carrying rifles and practice targets, marched from the installation toward the rifle ranges on Wittstocker Allee. Some of the soldiers were recruits. T-34/85 tank [redacted] and vehicles [redacted]
8. On 13 January, the former girls' school on Puschkinstrasse was occupied by about 350 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia. Five platoons, each of 52 unarmed soldiers who seemed to be fully trained, marched from the installation toward the Friedrich Franz Kaserne. Trucks [redacted] left the school building.
9. Troops observed in the compound on Scholtenplatz between 29 December 1951 and 11 January 1952 were engaged in: aiming practice with 4 x 85-mm AA guns, drill with 6 light machine guns on tripod mounts, cleaning of guns, and theoretical instruction. (3)
10. Between 4 p.m. and midnight on 21 December 1951, a total of 2,646 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the Fridericus Kaserne on Altruppiner Allee to take a shower in the former brewery between Altruppiner Allee and Neuer Friedhof. Specifically, the troops were organized into 23 units [redacted]

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11. On 21 and 23 December 1951, [redacted] 2 model M-13 rocket launchers parked in the compound on Scholtenplatz and [redacted] 16 mortars [redacted] 50X1-HUM identified as 160 mm, model 43, and about 50 additional mortars of 120 and 160 mm, models 38 and 43 respectively. [redacted]
12. Between 7 and 10 January, practice with 4 x 85-mm AA guns and 1 rocket launcher was seen at the compound on Scholtenplatz. [redacted]
13. Training observed at the Friedrich Franz Kaserne between 3 and 10 January included drill with two 76-mm field guns and infantry training at squad level. A rocket launcher entered the installation from the direction of Fehrbellin. [redacted]
14. Officers identified in the Fridericus Kaserne between 2 and 12 January included Major Kazak (fnu); Captains Deterov (fnu), Dolfstopyat (fnu), Kachinkov (fnu); Senior Lieutenants Kochrenka (fnu) and Repov (fnu). [redacted] 50X1-HUM
15. In mid-December 1951 [redacted] the Schuetzenhaus (Rifle men's Clubhouse) in Neuruppin quartered a unit with motor vehicles which [redacted] was previously known as Unit Komarov. However, with Komarov (fnu) being on leave for some time, the unit designation was changed to Curov. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
16. In late December 1951 [redacted] a unit with the numerical designation 12 [redacted] allegedly an MVD office, was located at 19 Seeufer, Neuruppin. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Comments.

- (1) The JS tanks observed at the See Kaserne are indicative of the 71st Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div which is quartered there. However, the observation of T-34 tanks there cannot be accounted for unless they should belong to the reconnaissance company of the above regiment. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (2) The field guns mentioned [redacted] in paragraphs 3 and 13 can belong only to the 34th Gds Itz Rifle Regt which has been carried in the SS Kaserne, Drogen, near Fuerstenberg, to date, but which has not been confirmed there since the fall of 1951. [redacted] It therefore seems possible that at least elements of [redacted] as regiment may have moved to Neuruppin. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (3) The rocket launchers and mortars observed on Scholtenplatz, which is the storage site for weapons of the units in the See Kaserne and the Friedrich Franz Kaserne, confirm the unidentified rocket launcher battalion and the 226th Mort Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div. AA guns of 85 mm were also observed on Scholtenplatz on 27 November 1951 [redacted] [redacted] it is believed that two batteries of each AAA regiment belonging to a tank division are equipped with heavy 85-mm AA guns. The 160-mm mortars mentioned in paragraph 11 of the present report are observed for the first time. They can belong only to a mortar regiment. The observation is doubted, however, as no 160-mm mortars have been reported from other posts. It is also doubted that there should have been as many as 50 mortars of 120 and 160 mm on Scholtenplatz, as the T/E 50X1-HUM prescribes only 36 mortars for a mortar regiment.

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- (4) The three medium tank regiments, the 87th (?) Ren Bn and, probably, also the tank training battalion of the 12th Gds Tank Div are believed to be stationed in the Fridericus Kaserne. As these units have an aggregate strength of about 3,600 men. The actual number of troops quartered in the installation is believed to be between 4,500 and 2,646 soldiers as specified in paragraphs 6 and 10 respectively. 50X1-HUM
- (5) Captains Dolfstopyet (fnu) and Kachinkov (fnu) and Senior Lieutenant Kochrenka (fnu) were identified [redacted] on 16 October 1951 when they acquired spare parts at a German shop in Neuruppin. They rode in vehicles of the 12th Gds Tank Div and came from the Rhin-Luch training area. 50X1-HUM
- [redacted]

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